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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-281408, which was published on October 31, 1997, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,956,177 to NISHIKATA et al., which issued on September 21, 1999. Applicant notes that the Japanese patent document is discussed on page 2 of the specification;

U.S. Patent No. 6,134,052 to YANO, which issued on October 17, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 5,321,457 to IMAIZUMI, which issued on June 14, 1994;

U.S. Patent No. 5,363,163 to HAYASHI, which issued on November 8, 1994;

U.S. Patent No. 6,005,712 to HAYASHI, which issued on December 21, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 3,030,563 to GORDON, which issued on April 17, 1962; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,585,965 to HAYASHI et al., which issued on December 17,

1996.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the instant application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

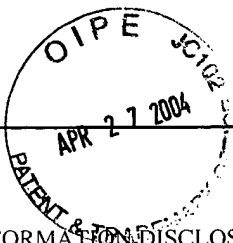
Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5 9 5 6 1 7 7	09/21/99	NISHIKATA et al			
	6 1 3 4 0 5 2	10/17/00	YANO			
	5 3 2 1 4 5 7	06/14/94	IMAIZUMI			
	5 3 6 3 1 6 3	11/08/94	HAYASHI			
	6 0 0 5 7 1 2	12/21/99	HAYASHI			
	3 0 3 0 5 6 3	04/17/62	GORDON			
	5 5 8 5 9 6 5	12/17/96	HAYASHI et al			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
9 - 2 8 1 4 0 8	10/31/97	JAPAN			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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